

Church of the divine love  
**Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday**  
**APRIL 13, 2025     10:15 A.M.**  
**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**The Liturgy of the Palms** (in parish hall)

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Processional Hymn #154 – **All glory, laud and honor**

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**The Word of God**

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Collect for Palm Sunday – lectionary sheet insert

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**Psalm 31:9-16**

Second Reading: **Philippians 2:5-11**

Gradual Hymn #168 –

**PASSION OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE**

(the congregation may be seated until the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgatha)

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Dismissal

### **Sermon Sunday April 13, 2025**

Isaiah 50: 4-9a; Psalm 31: 9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 23: 1-49.

**Esteemed sisters and brothers in Christ**, did anything strike you as strange about today's first gospel reading (**Luke 19:28-40**)? Did it sound like something was missing?

It's the familiar Palm Sunday story about Jesus sending his disciples into the village to retrieve a colt for him to ride to Jerusalem. As he rides along people are "spreading their cloaks on the road" and "the whole multitude of the disciples" are praising God "for all the deeds of power they had seen." We hear some version of that every year. It's the usual Palm Sunday story. But here's what strikes me today: We

call it Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem but the reading ends before Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. We don't hear anything about his entry into Jerusalem. And I think we need to. I think what happens immediately after today's first gospel reading is an essential part of Holy Week and I want us to hear the rest of the story. Listen to what happens next:

**"As Jesus came near and saw Jerusalem, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. Indeed, the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up ramparts around you and surround you, and hem you in on every side. They will crush you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave within you one stone upon another; because you did not recognize the time of your visitation from God.' Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there and he said, 'It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers. "Luke 19:41-46**

That's Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. It's an entry with tears, lament, and a judgment. Jesus enters Jerusalem weeping because Jerusalem has not recognized on this day the things that make for peace. And I think that same thing could be said about each of us and our world today. We are Jerusalem. Look at your life today. Look at what is happening in the world today. I don't think there is a person or place today not in need of peace: peace within ourselves and with each other; peace with our past, what has happened to us, and the things we've done and left undone; peace within countries and between nations; peace with the earth and all creation. How does that happen to us? How did it happen to Jerusalem? How do we lose our peace? And what are the things that make for peace? I think Jesus demonstrates the answer to these questions throughout Holy Week. I think everything that will happen throughout this week, reveals the things that make for peace. There are moments in each of our lives — big moments, threshold moments, life changing moments — when we need to slow down, maybe even stop, and consider what it is that we're getting into. Are we ready for this? What does it mean? What will it ask of me? Do I have what it takes? Is this really what I want? Am I prepared for what is to come? Can I see it through to the end? Palm Sunday is one of those days.

Watch Jesus throughout this week. Listen to what he says. He never defends himself. He never tries to justify himself or offer excuses. He doesn't try to negotiate or plea bargain a better deal. He doesn't express any sense of entitlement or put himself above others. He neither explains himself nor apologizes. And he does not turn back. He doesn't do any of those things because he has no need to justify, explain, excuse, or defend himself. Jesus never betrays himself. All through his life and the coming week he remains true to himself. He is at peace with himself, and that lets him be at peace with others and the circumstances he is facing. And that's true for you and me as well. When I refuse to betray myself, when I remain true to myself and what my life is asking of me, I have no need to justify myself. I'm at peace with myself, and I can be at peace with you and whatever it is I have to deal with. But when

I begin justifying myself, making excuses, or becoming defensive it's usually because I've betrayed myself. I've turned away from who I am and there is no peace in my life.

I think self-betrayal is why in today's second gospel reading (**Luke 23:1-49**) Jesus tells the daughters of Jerusalem, "Do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and your children" (**Luke 23:28**). Jerusalem has betrayed itself. It's "the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it" (**Luke 13:34**). It has made God's house of prayer into a den of robbers. It doesn't recognize the time of its visitation from God. It is living in self-betrayal. Where is there self-betrayal in your life today? In what ways is your heart at war with yourself or another? What is the conflict that keeps you awake at night or haunts your dreams? What is causing that sick feeling in your stomach or the tightness in your chest, and reminding you that peace is lacking? I am not asking about only the self-betrayal that results in us doing something we call bad or wrong. I'm also asking about the self-betrayal of denying our own holiness and goodness; the times we diminish ourselves; the ways we turn away from our passions, gifts, or longings; the times we give up on ourselves, our dreams, or hopes; the ways in which settle for being and living less than who we really want to be.

Look for the places in your life today where you feel the need to justify, defend, explain, or excuse yourself and you'll probably find self-betrayal and an absence of peace, a heart at war. I've begun lately to think about self-betrayal as our original sin. It's a deep self-wounding in need of healing. What if Holy Week is the start of that healing? What if Holy Week is the beginning of getting ourselves back and healing the betrayals of our lives? And what if it all begins with our tears? Isn't that how Jesus begins Holy Week? Jesus begins Holy Week looking at and weeping for our self-betrayals. What are the self-betrayals that have robbed you of peace? What are the self-betrayals that have brought you to tears? Let's not leave our tears behind this week. Let's start this week naming the tears of our betrayals and hurts. Let's offer them each day this week. They know the way. They are the original water of baptism. Every time we let our tears flow – whether they flow down our cheeks, flow in our memories, or flow through our prayers – every time we let them flow, we return to the waters of our baptism; the waters that cleanse, renew, and give life.

Those tears just might be the only thing that can cleanse the lens of our heart enough to see "the things that make for peace. The crucifixion of God's beloved Son, while sealing the fate of Jerusalem, has brought us peace with God. Receiving Jesus the Divine King through faith, we are rescued from the just judgement of God and given an inheritance, Eternal Life. The mourning and wailing of Good Friday have turned into unending joy and life. **Amen.**

***All baptized Christians, regardless of age, are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church.***

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

10:15 AM

LITURGY OF THE PALMS

(in the parish hall, with procession to the church)

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS

MONDAY

8:00 PM

AA MEETING

TUESDAY

7:00 PM

BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM

AL-ANON MEETING

MAUNDAY THURSDAY

10AM-2PM

THRIFT SHOP

7:00 PM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 PM

GOOD FIDAY LITURGY

(with communion from reserved sacrament)

SATURDAY

10AM-2PM

THRIFT SHOP

7:00PM

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

THE SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION/EASTER SUNDAY

10:15 AM

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS

	Today	Next Week
Eucharistic Minister	Anthony Giordano	Dana Kenn
Coffee Hour	Jess Berbeck	Erika Febres

SUPPORT THE FOOD PANTRY – DROP-OFF IN THE KITCHEN

### **PARISH PRAYER LIST**

Loving God, comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially we remember before you:

Barbara Curran	Betty Curley	Jess
Bob Curley	Steve Curley	Art
Chris Dickson	John Rocco	Deb P.
John Mulligan	Marjorie Guerrier	Lynette
Manetta Family	Robert Hosey	Ryan
Sister Eddie	Bernie Walther	Celeste
Beverly Noel	Phil Ryder	Warren
Anthony Paribello	Dorothy	Del
Donna Amundsen	Kate Jones	Aidan
Sally & Roger	Vincent & Barbara	Ciara
Mary & Family	Wendy	Jan
Nathan Treadwell	Gladys Hadija	Sophia
Michael & Family	Kristen	Mo
Michelle & Baby	Christopher	Annie

Jerry & Family

Shannon & Family

Donna A.

Moises Parra

Misael Varas

Joseph

All people and countries suffering from violence, hatred and natural disaster.

The homeless and food insecure.

Help us speak words of encouragement and offer deeds of kindness to them.

Bring us with them, into the unending joy of your kingdom. Amen

To add or make changes to prayer list during the week, email

Janet Croft at [jmc220@optonline.net](mailto:jmc220@optonline.net).

### A Morning Prayer

Father in heaven, I stand ready to receive Your wisdom and guidance. In each decision, big or small, lead me to discern your will and to act accordingly. Help me to understand the depth of Your wisdom, finding guidance in Your word and through prayer. Teach me to be patient as I wait for Your direction, trusting that Your timing is perfect. May I navigate this day with the assurance that Your wisdom is a treasure far greater than any earthly knowledge. Guide my thoughts and actions, that they may

be a reflection of Your discernment and love. In Your guidance, I find the path to a life of purpose and peace.  
Amen

Hymn to be sung during the consecration:

Father, I adore you,  
Lay my life before you,  
How I love you.

(Repeat twice with second verse starting with Jesus  
And third verse starting with Spirit.)

Prayer for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn  
but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that  
all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince  
of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominions  
and glory, now and forever. Amen















